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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,792,147
AB United States Patent No. 5,186,174
AL European Application 0 999 800
AM PCT Application WO98/25159

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references, or their respective German counterparts, were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application. Since all of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), and no fee is necessary. Accordingly, the undersigned counsel states,



Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), that each of the above items was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination, or in combination with any of the references already of record.

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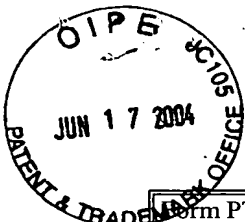
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